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Reminder . . .

Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, July 21 7:00pm
Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Presentation to Planning Board on Clarksburg's Ovid Hazen Wells Park
Thursday, July 17

The time will be determined closer to the date of the presentation, and will be listed at www.MontgomeryPlanningBoard.org. See details at <http://montgomeryplanningboard.org/blog-news/2014/06/25/montgomery-parks-to-deliver-presentation-to-montgomery-planning-board-on-july-17-on-ovid-hazen-wells-recreational-park-master-plan-update/>

County Council Names Casey Anderson as New Chair of Montgomery County Planning Board

The Montgomery County Council today named Casey Anderson as the new chair of the County Planning Board. He follows Chair Francoise Carrier, whose term expired on June 14. She did not apply for reappointment.

Mr. Anderson, who is currently a member of the Planning Board, was appointed by an 8-1 vote. Council President Craig Rice, Vice President George Leventhal and Councilmembers Phil Andrews, Roger Berliner, Cherri Branson, Nancy Floreen, Nancy Navarro and Hans Riemer voted in favor of his appointment. Councilmember Marc Elrich was opposed.



The Council received letters of interest from 18 applicants to fill the vacancy. Eight applied for chair only, two applied for board member only and eight applied for either chair or member. Council President Rice said today the Council will soon announce that it will be accepting applications to fill Mr. Anderson's position on the Planning Board.

The Council today also set a salary of \$200,000 for the position of chair.

Mr. Anderson is a Silver Spring resident. An attorney and community activist, he was appointed to the Planning Board in June 2011. Previously, Mr. Anderson served on the boards of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, the Citizens League of Montgomery County and the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence and the Committee for Montgomery. Mr. Anderson is a former vice president of the Woodside Civic Association and executive vice chairman of the Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board. He holds undergraduate and law degrees from Georgetown University and a graduate degree in journalism from Columbia University.

See press release at <http://montgomeryplanningboard.org/blog-news/2014/07/15/montgomery-county-council-appoints-casey-anderson-planning-board-chair/>

**U.S. Youth Soccer Association National Championships
in Montgomery County!**
July 22 - 27
Maryland SoccerPlex
18031 Central Park Circle, Boyds



The United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) National Championships will be held July 20-27, 2014 in Montgomery County, Maryland/Maryland SoccerPlex. Approximately 3,000 attendees are expected.

Schedule

Tuesday, July 22 –Round Robin Games at 8am, 10am, 12 noon and 2pm on fields 3-17 at the SoccerPlex

Wednesday, July 23 --Round Robin Games at 8am, 10am, 12 noon and 2pm on fields 3-17 at the SoccerPlex

Thursday, July 24 --Round Robin Games at 8am, 10am, 12 noon and 2pm on fields 3-17 at the SoccerPlex

Friday, July 25 – free day, no games

Saturday, July 26 –Semi-Finals at 8am, 10am, 6pm and 8pm.

Sunday, July 27 – Finals, first kick off at 8am; last kick off at 11:10am

For more information on the event, visit <http://championships.usyouthsoccer.org/> or www.VisitMontgomery.com

Sign Sweep Conducted throughout County

Montgomery County's Department of Permitting Services (DPS) recently coordinated a "sign sweep" to collect signs placed illegally in right-of-ways throughout the County. More than 50 County staff from various departments met at Richard Montgomery High School for assignments and instructions before heading out to collect the [signs](#). As a result, more than 2,500 signs were removed and taken to the County's Transfer Station for recycling or disposal. DPS plans on conducting sign sweeps several times per year in the future. To have signs removed from a right-of-way in Montgomery County, residents should call 311.



Leggett Leads County Team To White House for "SmartAmerica" Challenge

County Executive Ike Leggett led the Montgomery County "team" recently to make a presentation to senior White House staff and policy advisors and industry executives of our achievements in the SmartAmerica Challenge. The SmartAmerica Challenge is sponsored by The White House Presidential Innovation Fellows and the National Institute of Standard and Technology (NIST). This prestigious initiative brought together different sectors to demonstrate innovative cyber technology pilot projects with the potential for enhancing socio-economic benefits for our residents, creating jobs in our communities, and promoting new business opportunities throughout America.

The Montgomery County project, "SCALE: Safe Community Alert Network," is a collaborative partnership with the County involving researchers from UC-Irvine and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, along with multiple vendors including IBM, the French-based low-bandwidth provider Sigfox, and Twilio, a cloud communication firm.

Using low-cost advanced sensor and receiving technology, the pilot network demonstrates deployment of a public sector automated safety alert and community awareness network that protects vulnerable populations. Working with the Montgomery County Housing Partnership (an affordable housing developer in the County), SCALE deployed a variety of connected sensors in a Rockville apartment building that will detect different environmental distress factors (e.g., smoke, heat, carbon monoxide, hazardous gas), transmit the data to a cloud service, and, if a problem is detected, dispatch emergency response services.

Councilmember Hans Riemer, in discussions with Montgomery County technology leaders, led him to ask the county to participate in the challenge and "to better position the county as a national innovation hub."

Detailed information is available at www.smartamerica.org.

[See a synopsis of the "Safe Community Alert Network" pilot project.](#)

See Mr. Leggett's remarks at the presentation at http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/speeches/SP_details.asp?SpID=102

Montgomery County and D.C. Councils Hold First-Ever Joint Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting on Wednesday, July 16. Discussion to Include How to Enhance Coordination Between Neighboring Jurisdictions on Bus Rapid Transit, Streetcars and Metrobus Routes

At the meeting, which was co-chaired by Montgomery Councilmember Roger Berliner and D.C. Councilmember Mary Cheh, the committees had in-depth discussions on improving regional coordination on an array of transit issues. Among the issues scheduled for the agenda were:

- Extending Bus Rapid Transit routes from Montgomery County into the District.
- Extending the future D.C. Streetcar line north up Georgia Avenue into Silver Spring.
- Extending existing Metrobus routes so more run through both jurisdictions.

The meeting was recorded by County Cable Montgomery (CCM—Cable Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN, Channel 30 on Verizon) and will be broadcast on the Montgomery cable system on dates to be determined.

See press release http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR_detailsnew.asp?PrID=13905



Property tax bills for 2014 are [available online](#) now, and paper bills are expected to begin being mailed in mid-July. Property Tax bills will also be mailed to homeowners around the same time.

FootGolf Event at Northwest Golf Course

July 21 5:00pm

Northwest Golf Course

15711 Layhill Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20906

Montgomery County announces the first FootGolf course in Montgomery County at Northwest Golf Course in Silver Spring. FootGolf is a new sport that combines golf and soccer and has been sweeping the nation and Northwest is the second FootGolf course in Maryland and the first in the DC area. To officially open the facility, Roberto Balestrini, founder of the American FootGolf League and Laura Balestrini, Vice President of the Federation for International FootGolf will be on site Monday for the Northwest FootGolf Kickoff Classic.

The Northwest FootGolf Kickoff Classic is an open event for families, media and FootGolf players at which they may try the sport in a casual tournament setting.

For more information, visit <https://www.mcggolf.com/portals/17/fgkickoffclassic.pdf>, check out this informative video on You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdSjECexZZY> or call Martin Zdravec, Golf Instructor and Player Development Coordinator at (202) 297-2303 or (301) 598-6100.

Advance registration is required by calling Northwest at (301) 598-6100. Complimentary slots are available to members of the media.

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltmpl.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingervices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>